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**EVENT: Complaint**

**Defendant: Raelin Coleman**

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**SOUTHFIELD MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL FIREARMS OFFENSE**

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A Southfield, Michigan man was arrested early today by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, in cooperation with officers from the Michigan State Police and Southfield Police Department for transporting a firearm in foreign commerce with the intent of committing a felony.

According to the affidavit filed in support of the federal criminal complaint, on August 22, 2005, eyewitnesses reported that Raelin Coleman, age 20 engaged in a dispute with an individual known to law enforcement (hereafter Victim #1) at his residence in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. COLEMAN, along with two female subjects (identified as Halimo RIRASH and Ulimo RIRASH), left Victim #1's residence and entered the United States by means of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel at approximately 12:52 a.m. According to information provided by Windsor Police Department Detectives, which was obtained from witnesses, COLEMAN drove to his residence in Southfield, Michigan and retrieved a Remington Model 870 12 gauge shotgun. COLEMAN placed the shotgun in his vehicle, identified as a 2000 Ford Taurus, black in color, bearing a known Michigan license number, and returned to Victim #1's residence.

On August 23, 2005, at approximately 2:20 a.m., COLEMAN arrived at Victim #1's residence in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, where COLEMAN, as well as the two female subjects exited the vehicle. An argument again ensued between COLEMAN and Victim #1, and COLEMAN retrieved the previously identified Remington 870 shotgun from the backseat area of the 2000 Ford Taurus. COLEMAN then fired one shot at Victim # 1 from close range, striking Victim #1 in the upper left thigh area. COLEMAN returned to the identified vehicle, along with the two female subjects and departed.

Upon departing Victim #1's residence, COLEMAN discarded the identified Remington 870 shotgun into the Detroit River. At approximately 2:46 a.m., COLEMAN re-entered the United States via the Ambassador Bridge, in Detroit, Michigan.

On August 23, 2005, at approximately 4:10 a.m., Halimo RIRASH and Ulimo RIRASH were arrested by Windsor Police Department and charged with attempted murder.

Based on information obtained from at least one person known to law enforcement, on August 24, 2005, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Ontario Provincial Police Underwater Recovery Team searched a portion of the Detroit River, and recovered a Remington 870 shotgun in the Detroit River in the vicinity of the area COLEMAN was known to have discarded the weapon. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) conducted a trace of the firearm. The ATF trace revealed that the identified weapon was purchased by COLEMAN at WAL-MART Store # 2631, located at 13507 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, Michigan on March 3, 2004. When recovered, the shotgun contained one spent shotgun shell casing inside the chamber / breech.

ICE agents, in cooperation with the Michigan State Police and Southfield Police Department, executed a search warrant at Coleman's residence in Southfield. This investigation is ongoing.

Coleman appeared this afternoon on the criminal complaint in U.S. District Court in Detroit before the Honorable Virginia M. Morgan. He was temporarily detained pending a detention hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 1:00. The case is being prosecuted by

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Freeman from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan